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Subject: Outreach on permit issuance

Hi Kelly,

We are preparing to issue (by the end of Sept 2017) a draft UIC permit for a copper solution mining project in Arizona (Gunnison Copper Project; Excelsior Mining Co.). We are not expecting it to be controversial, due to the rural area of Cochise County where it is proposed, and in light of ADEQ's recent public process on their permit for the project which drew fairly minimal comment and no hearing request. That said, I wanted to know whether our region has generally been engaging in "enhanced" public participation for EPA-issued permits. What we would typically do is publish a notice in the nearest local newspaper, post the draft permit and supporting documents on our web site, and mail notices to anyone who has expressed interest to us on the project (there is at least one small NGO that has reached out to us).

Feel free to contact me or Audrey if you think it would be helpful to discuss.

Thanks!

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